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Be a Friend!

by Board President Estelle Cooperman

The Morton Grove Public Library is seeking people in the community interested in strengthening our local library and in promoting awareness and appreciation of library services to the community.

Friends of the Library brings together involved, caring people who are willing to work for excellent libraries. Our envisioned *Friends of the Morton Grove Public Library* is one of an enthusiastic group of men and women who support the Library's mission and contribute their time and creativity in furthering MGPL's programs and services for the enrichmment of our community. *Someone like you!* Join us in meeting our current and future challenges, including the expansion of our facility. Share your passion for libraries by joining our new Friends group. Sign up on our website, call the Library at 965-4220, visit the Library's Reference Services Desk and leave your name and phone number, or complete the form on the back page and mail it to the Library. A Library representative will contact you with more details as the group takes shape.

Get Carded!

September is Library Card Sign-up Month. Morton Grove residents who don't have a library card, or whose cards have expired, should be sure to sign up for one in September. Residents who sign up for a new

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Fireside Chats

Robert Lindsey as FDR

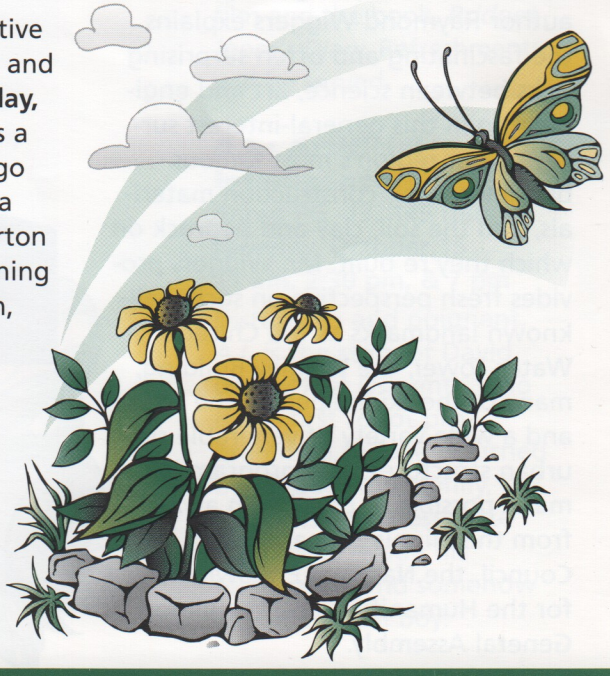
Meet FDR! Robert Lindsey reenacts FDR's famous Fireside Chats in this entertaining and informative biographical and historical program to be held **Sunday, September 9, at 2 pm.** Make your reservations beginning September 4, by calling 965-4220 or stopping by the Reference Services Desk. Priority will be given to Morton Grove residents with a valid Library card. Non-residents may sign up and will be notified by phone if there is space available.

Gardening for Birds and Butterflies

Marian Thill presents an informative slide talk on how to attract birds and butterflies to your garden **Saturday, September 8, at 2 pm.** Ms. Thill is a Master Gardener from the Chicago Botanic Gardens program and is a Certified Naturalist from the Morton Arboretum. She will share gardening tips and advice on plant selection, based on experience in her own Morton Grove garden, which is recognized by the National Wildlife Federation as a backyard habitat. Ms. Thill shows how gardening for birds and butterflies is very do-able, even in a small space.

Trash or Treasure? Antiques Appraisal

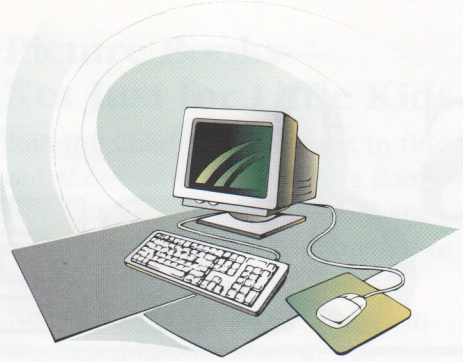
Frederick Dosé returns to the Library **Sunday, September 23, at 2 pm,** to present information about evaluating and caring for antiques and to appraise items brought in by participants. Priority for reservations will be given to Morton Grove residents with a valid Library card. Registration is required for those bringing an item for appraisal and begins September 4. One item per family, please. A total of fifty items will be appraised during the two-hour program. Items will be grouped by category on tables at the front of the auditorium. Mr. Dosé will discuss features to look for in each category (china, art, silver, books, etc.) and will then appraise individual items. For those who do not bring an item for appraisal, seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.



COMPUTER CLASSES • NEON GLASS ART • GENEALOGY PROGRAM • PIANO CONCERT

Basic Internet: Demonstration and Tutorial

If you're a beginning computer user, here's the Internet class for you! On **Thursday, October 4, at 7 pm,** in the Baxter Room, instructor Susan McGowan will present a brief history of the Internet, basic terminology, and the scope of information available on the Internet. Those who attend this introductory lecture and demonstration will be eligible to register for an individual, hands-on tutoring session covering basic Internet navigational skills, to be scheduled later in the month. **Registration begins September 4** and is limited to Morton Grove residents with a valid library card. Please have your library card ready when you call to register.



Power Point

Jennifer Didier will present a two-part class on PowerPoint 2002, including how to: create effective slide designs, use special effects, create pictures, utilize templates, and incorporate tips and tricks to maximize the power of PowerPoint. The classes will be held on **Saturday, October 6, and Saturday, October 13, at 10 am.** Registration begins September 4. Priority for registration will be given to Morton Grove residents with a valid library card. Non-residents may sign up on a waiting list and will be notified by phone if there is space available.

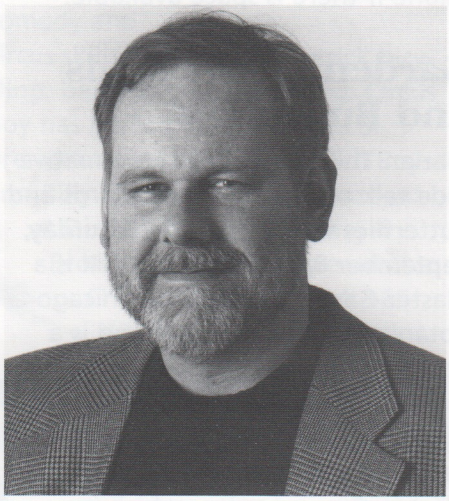
Suggestion Box

The Library maintains a suggestion box at the Checkout desk. If you have a suggestion to make about the Library's services, please drop a note in the box, or use the form provided next to the box.

If there is a particular item that you feel should be added to the Library's collection, such recommendations/ requests can be made at the Reference Services Desk. Books and other library materials are selected on the basis of literary, educational, informational, recreational value, and general appeal.

Architectural Geology of the Chicago Region

What does geology have to do with the architectural masterpieces of the Chicago region? **Wednesday, October 17, at 7 pm,** geologist and author Raymond Wiggers explains the fascinating and often surprising links between science, art and engineering in this general-interest survey of our region's most famous buildings, their construction materials, and the soil, clay and bedrock on which they're built. Mr. Wiggers provides fresh perspective on such well-known landmarks as the Chicago Water Tower, the Wrigley Building, many of the skyscrapers in the Loop, and a wide variety of venerable suburban structures. This program is made possible in part by an award from the Illinois Humanities Council, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Illinois General Assembly.



Geologist Raymond Wiggers

Neon Glass Art

Have you ever wondered how neon lights are made? **Sunday, October 14, at 2 pm,** Jacob Fishman, of Lightwriters in Northbrook, will present an informative discussion of how art, science, and engineering come together to create unusual, artistic neon lighting. Be sure to see Mr. Fishman's display of neon art in the Library's Lincoln Avenue entrance throughout the month of October!

Thank You, Donors

The entire Morton Grove community benefits from the many donations of new and used materials to the Library. Many, many thanks to the generous people who donate materials for the Library's collection and for resale.

Lyric Opera Lecture Schedule

The 2001 opera season begins with a new production of Giuseppe Verdi's opera, *Otello*. Opera star Sherrill Milnes will present a discussion of the opera on **Sunday, September 16, at 2 pm.** This sensational tragic opera tells the story of the Moor of Venice, who strangles Desdemona after the evil Iago convinces him that his beloved has been unfaithful.

The romantic opera, *I Capuleti e i Montecchi* by Vincenzo Bellini, will be discussed by Jean Walker of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps, **Sunday, October 28, at 2 pm.**

Classical Piano Concert

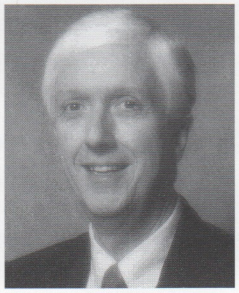
Mark Valenti presents a piano concert that will include Schubert sonatas, Rachmaninoff's preludes, selections by Debussy and other classical pieces, on **Sunday, October 21, at 2 pm.** Refreshments will be served following the performance. Seating is limited; reservations are required. Beginning September 24, call 965-4220 or stop by the Reference Services Desk to make your reservations.

Babysitting Basics

Lt. Bill Porter of the Morton Grove Fire Department (left) and Officer Paul Yaras, Morton Grove Police Department, (right) with graduates of the May Babysitting Basics class at the Library. The next Babysitting Basics class will meet in November; watch for details in the next issue of *Books & Beyond.*

October is Family History Month

Tips and Tricks for Genealogy Research



Br. Joseph Martin Genealogist

If you're getting started on researching your family's roots, mark your calendar and make a reservation for **Thursday, October 25, at 7 pm.** Brother Joseph Martin's presentation will focus on archives and libraries in Illinois and on Internet resources. Participants will find this presentation both entertaining and educational. Seating is limited. Registration begins September 24; call 965-4220 or stop by the Reference Services Desk. Priority will be given to Morton Grove residents with a valid Library card. This program is made possible in part by an award from the Illinois Humanities Council, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Illinois General Assembly.

Map Your Family Tree @your library™

Are you curious about your family's history? Not sure where to turn for information? Check out the many resources at your Library. There are many new books and periodicals in the Library's collection, as well as online resources. Be sure to meet Colleen Ringel, our new Reference Librarian, who is an expert on genealogy.

Morton Grove's Local History Room is located on the lower level, next to the Children's Room. This collection of materials consists of items pertaining to Morton Grove, Niles Township, and Maine Township. The Local History Room also has issues of *Chicago History, Illinois History* and the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society.* Of local interest are newsletters from churches, clubs and service organizations. Perhaps the most interesting and unique contribution to community history are the oral history interviews, conducted with longtime Morton Grove residents and descendants of early settlers in the community. This project was conducted jointly with the Morton Grove Historical Society. The interviews are preserved on audiocassettes and have been transcribed for use by historical researchers and interested patrons. The Local History Room's scheduled hours are: Mondays from 1 to 4:30, Wednesdays from 1:30 to 5, and Thursdays from 1 to 5. Any time the Room is closed during regular Library hours, its materials will be made available for research upon request at the Reference Services Desk.

(left to right) Ac Rock: Chris Brown, Paul Iams, JD Mathein, and Mark MacLean

Ac Rock

Join us for a rollicking good show presented by *Ac Rock* at the Morton Grove Public Library on **Saturday, September 22, at 2 pm.** *A Cappella Rock 'n Roll* combines a freewheeling mix of music, humor and pop history into a lively afternoon of entertainment. This exciting "vocal band" gets the entire audience—no matter what their age—involved in singing and clapping along, while performing a musical overview of rock 'n roll from the fifties to the nineties. Prizes will be awarded to the best fifties costumes in various categories, so come in costume! Register at the Children's Desk or call 965-4220 beginning September 1.

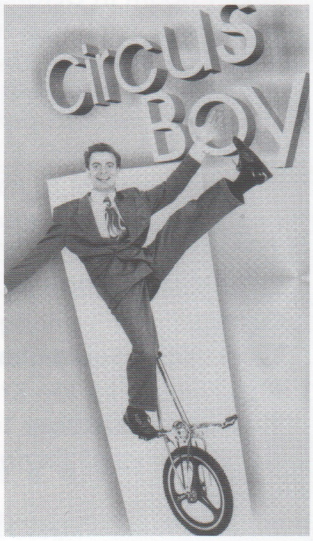
Halloween Craft Sessions

Join us in the Children's Room to make some great Halloween decorations! Kids in grades 4-6 will meet on **Friday, Oct. 12, 4-5 pm.** Preschoolers and their parents will meet on **Friday, Oct. 19, 10-11 am.** Kids in Kindergarten-grade 3 will meet on **Friday, Oct. 26, 4-5 pm.** Register at the Children's Desk or call 965-4220 beginning September 15.

Picture Books—Not Just for Little Kids

Join the Children's librarians to find out about some great *Picture Books—Not Just for Little Kids.* School-age kids and their parents are invited to attend this fun-filled session on **Tuesday, October 2, at 7:30 pm,** in the Board Room. Learn about books—some funny, some serious—that were written with big kids in mind. Register at the Children's Desk or call 965-4220 beginning September 15.

Circus Boy



Circus Boy

Circus Boy performs his awesome show at the Morton Grove Public Library on **Saturday, October 20, at 2 pm.** The performance is a blend of stand-up comedy and circus skills, which include trick bicycling, balancing and juggling. Circus Boy has performed for two U.S. presidents and with The Beach Boys and Billy Ray Cyrus. He has worked at Disneyland and Ringling Brothers Circus. Register at the Children's Desk or call 965-4220 beginning October 1.

Summer Reading Programs a Big Success!

There were over 400 participants in the Children's Summer Reading Program, *Harry Potter at Hogwart's School of Witchcraft and Wizardry*; and 150 children finished the program by reading fifteen books. Almost 100 readers participated in the adults' program, *Can You Take the Heat?* At the time that this newsletter went to print, the final drawings for prizes had not been held. Winners' names will be posted in the Library.

Many thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who helped out in the Children's Department this past summer: Joffin Abraham, Juveria Ahmad, Armon Beladi, Jennie George, Jorie Glassner, Kristin Hanaoka, Jaison Kuriakose, Naved Mustafa, Sarah Song, and Jim Yuan.

CALENDAR

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Fall session will begin the week of October 15, 2001. Enrollment is limited and begins September 10. Priority is given to Morton Grove residents with a valid library card. Non-residents will be put on a waiting list and notified by phone if there is space available. Classes end the week of December 3.

Library Playtime
for 2-Year-Olds & Parents
Thursdays 10:30 am
Class limit – 12 children, 12 parents

Preschool Storytime
Please choose one of the following times for ages 3-Kindergarten (please, no underage siblings):
Wednesdays 10 am
Thursdays 6:45 pm
Class limit – 30

Stories & Stuff
Grades 1-2
Mondays 7 pm
Class limit – 12

SPECIAL EVENTS

Ac Rock
9/22 Sat. 2 pm — Register at the Children's Desk beginning Sept. 1

Book Talk
10/2 Tue. 7:30 pm

Halloween Craft Sessions
10/12 Fri. 4-5 pm — Grades 4 - 6
10/19 Fri. 10 -11 am — Preschoolers
10/26 Fri. 4-5 pm — Kdg. - grade 3
Register at the Children's Desk beginning Sept. 15

Circus Boy
10/20 Sat. 2 pm — Register at the Children's Desk beginning Oct. 1

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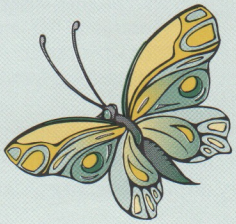

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Every Tuesday at 11:30 am: Lunchtime Videos

September

9/2	Sun.		CLOSED
9/3	Mon.		CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY
9/8	Sat.	2 pm	*Gardening for Birds and Butterflies* with Marian Thill
9/9	Sun.	2 pm	*Fireside Chats with FDR* registration required
9/10	Mon.	11 am, 2:30 pm, & 7 pm	Feature Film: *Bridget Jones's Diary;* Rated R, 98 minutes
9/11	Tues.	2 pm	Discussion of *Bridget Jones's Diary*
9/12	Wed.	1 pm	Low Vision Book Discussion: *Into Thin Air* by John Krakauer
9/13	Thurs.	7:45 pm	Library Board Meeting
9/16	Sun.	2 pm	Lyric Opera Lecture: *Otello*
9/22	Sat.	2 pm	*A Cappella Rock and Roll* registration required
9/23	Sun.	2 pm	*Trash or Treasure? Antiques Appraisal* by Frederick Dosé registration required
9/25	Tues.	7:30 pm	Thinking Out Loud: Discussion of *Ahab's Wife, or the Star Gazer* by Sena Jeter Naslund
9/27	Thurs.	10 am	All Booked Up: Discussion of *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson

October

10/4	Thurs.	7 pm	*Basic Internet* registration required
10/6	Sat.	10 am	*Power Point, Part 1* with Jennifer Didier registration required
10/10	Wed.	1 pm	Low Vision Book Discussion of *Girl with a Pearl Earring* by Tracy Chevalier
10/11	Thurs.	7:45 pm	Library Board Meeting
10/13	Sat.	10 am	*Power Point, Part 2* with Jennifer Didier registration required
10/14	Sun.	2 pm	*Neon Art* with Jacob Fishman registration required
10/15	Mon.	11 am, 2:30 pm, & 7 pm	Feature Film: *AI: Artificial Intelligence;* Rated PG-13, 145 minutes
10/17	Wed.	7 pm	*Architectural Geology* with Raymond Wiggers
10/21	Sun.	2 pm	*Classical Piano Concert* with Mark Valenti
10/23	Tues.	7:30 pm	Thinking Out Loud: Discussion of *Confessions of an Ugly Stepsister* by Gregory Maguire
10/25	Thurs.	10 am	All Booked Up: Discussion of *Plainsong* by Kent Haruf
10/25	Thurs.	7 pm	*Tips and Tricks for Genealogy Research* with Brother Martin registration required
10/28	Sun.	2 pm	Lyric Opera Lecture: *I Capuletti e i Montecchi*

Check out our complete calendar on the Web at www.webrary.org/inside/calcurr.html

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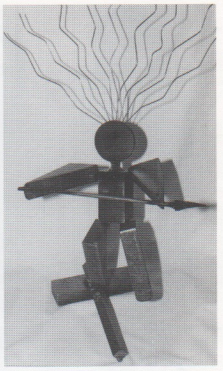
Art Exhibits

Be sure to see the metal sculptures of **William Bourland** during the month of September. Mr. Bourland's imaginative metalwork is exhibited in the Lincoln Avenue entry display case.



Metal sculptures by William Bourland

Mark Gawlinski exhibits photos of Chicago and landscapes from across the U.S., through the month of September, in the Baxter Room.

The Argentine landscapes and abstract paintings of **Betty Litewka de Garnek** will be displayed in the Baxter Room in October. Ms. de Garnek has exhibited her work in New York, Panama, Mexico, France, Venezuela and Argentina.

Book Discussions

Low Vision Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, September 12, at 1 pm:
Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer
Wednesday, October 10, at 1 pm:
Girl with a Pearl Earring by Tracy Chevalier

All Booked Up

Thursday, Sept. 27, at 10 am:
A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson
Thursday, October 25, at 10 am:
Plainsong by Kent Haruf

Thinking Out Loud

Tuesday, Sept. 25, at 7:30 pm:
Ahab's Wife, or the Star Gazer, by Sene Jeter Naslund
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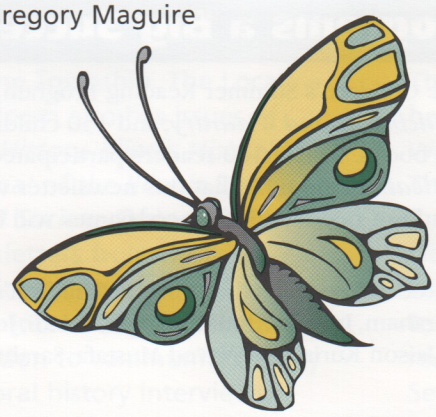

FILMS

Bridget Jones's Diary
Rated R; 98 minutes
Monday, September 10
11 am, 2:30 pm & 7 pm

This film is based on Helen Fielding's fictional diary of a plump, 32-year-old London office worker who is determined to take control of her life and to find the right man. Renée Zellweger stars as the heroine; Colin Firth plays a handsome but remote suitor; and Hugh Grant is cast as Bridget's philandering boss.

Special Feature
Tuesday, Sept. 11, at 2 pm, there will be a special discussion comparing the film and the book, *Bridget Jones's Diary.* Refreshments will be served.

A.I.: Artificial Intelligence
Rated PG -13, 145 min.
Monday, October 15
11 am, 2:30 pm, & 7 pm

Disturbing and poignant, *A.I.* is the story of David (Haley Joel Osment), who is the first robot programmed to love. Spurned by his adoptive family, he embarks on a desperate journey to evade his tormentors and somehow become a real boy.

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LIBRARY CLOSINGS

September 3, Labor Day

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Email _____

Get Carded!

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library card by Sept. 30 will receive a "2 for 1" video/DVD rental coupon for use during Sept. and Oct. With the coupon, new card-holders can borrow one video or DVD ($1.00) and check out another video/DVD for free.

Your library card provides you with access to tens of thousands of books, magazines, videos, DVDs, CDs, cassettes, reference materials, Internet access and the use of PCs, copy machines, microfilm, and more. For students, a Library card is the most important school supply of all—and it's free!

It's easy to apply for a card and takes only a few minutes. You'll need to bring in one form of identification that verifies your current address (dated within 2 months of the application date). Examples of acceptable forms of proof of residence are: driver's license or state ID, utility bill, 1st class mail, bank statement, school schedule with name of applicant, vehicle registration sticker forms, vehicle insurance card, mortgage or lease papers. (Items used to verify address must be less than 2 months old.)

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